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PATENT APPLICATION

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| In re Application of: | : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned |
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| AKIRA FUNAKOSHI, ET AL. |) : Group Art Unit: Unassigned |
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, which is discussed in the specification at page 2 thereof.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 347-8100.

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